











Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas, LA County Board of Supervisors

County of LA Department of Parks and Recreation

Baldwin Hills Conservancy

Mujeres de la Tierra

## **Baldwin Hills Dam - 50 Years Later**

Join us in the Commemoration of the Reservoir Failure & Celebration of the Magnificent Parklands

## Saturday, December 14, 2013

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm: Displays, Storytelling, Family Entertainment & Children's Activities

2:30 pm: Recognition Ceremony

4:00 pm: Conclusion

Upper Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Janice's Green Valley (former dam site) 4100 S. La Cienega Blvd, 90056

Parking available at the Lower Parking Lot near the Community Building and Overflow Lot south of Burke Roche Point Picnic Area (event subject to cancellation if there is inclement weather)

For more information contact david.mcneill@bhc.ca.gov or visit https://www.facebook.com/baldwinhills.restoration

## Did You know?

The Baldwin Hills Reservoir failure took place on December 14, 1963 representing a significant moment in Los Angeles' history. Communities impacted by the flooding bonded together to protect lives while the first emergency responders demonstrated tremendous heroism through their timely evacuation and rescue procedures. In

the wake of the disaster, 65 homes were destroyed and five lives were lost. Over the years, loved ones have been remembered, personal stories have been told and the neighborhoods rebuilt. Join us as we look back at the past 50 years and give thanks for the revival of the Baldwin Hills, its neighborhoods and the magnificent parklands.

## Interesting Facts

- KTLA 5's exclusive live helicopter coverage was the first aerial filming of a disaster in the country.
- Evacuation efforts began at 2:00 pm, in less than two hours, at 3:38 pm the collapse took place.
- Nearly 290 million gallons of water flowed from the crack for approximately 77 minutes.
- One square mile was impacted by water, mud and debris affecting 16,500 people and 9,000 homes.
- In 1979, the State of California granted \$1,775,873 to the County to acquire land for the Baldwin Hills State Recreation Area.